

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 9-11, 13-15, 17, 19, 21, and 30-40 remain in this application. Claims 4-8, 25 and 26 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 12, 16, 18, 20 and 22-29 were previously canceled without prejudice.

The applicant acknowledges with appreciation the telephone interview with the Examiner on January 13, 2005 in which the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if amended in the manner shown above.

A fee of \$50 is enclosed for two additional dependent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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